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AND RELATED HOMOLOGS HAVING
TELOMERASE ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated August 30, 2004, for which a response is due November 30, 2004. Accompanying this Amendment is a Request for a one month time extension. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Careful consideration has been given to the analysis made by the Examiner in the Office Action. The following amendments and remarks place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal. Applicant requests entry of this paper into the application, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116(b).